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WALLACE GRIFFIN, Editor.

The Tennessee legislature may now be very properly said to be a success.

By Kennebec, we, like their motto, backward in their deeds of violence, would be better for the state.

Washington, morning for deceased rival has got in to be accompanied with the study old Franklin Fort.

Enthusiasm travels like New Orleans. (N. Y. Herald.) So should Mr. B. Hayes for the general the southern from that made him President.

Mr. Morrison has been personally discomfited her visit to the capital, at the age of one year, by dying in a Munson county (Ky.) village last week.

New York has her Egyptian obelisk in position, and Kentucky her capital building under the eye of the architect. And yet neither state is entirely happy.

Louisville will celebrate Washington's birthday by giving with open-eyed wonder on the Bernhardt's Camille, the highly immortal bore and in intensely immoral play.

Gov. T. H. B. is temporarily the guest of the state of Anchorage. He will not remain his favorite pastime of "sipping" for appetite against the weather novices.

Mr. Arkham, girl, Miss W., married in Mr. T. H. B. the other day. Wise she was, and in due time she will be blessed beyond the generosity of wifery, for all her children will be twins.

Tar Louisville Post has established a branch office at Franklin, and issues a sheet which masquerades in the old clothes of the defunct Times under the name of Post-Herald.

The paragon of the Tennessee legislature last Wednesday reminded us of the paragon of the Tennessee legislature last Wednesday.

"Liar, villain, scoundrel, politician and thief," were the mildest epithets handed down the honorable members.

A young, sensitive plant of New York society was publicly downed by her acreage of land money, but by her land money the other day, for such an effort and for such a man, there is but one monument.

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## A NEW CONSTITUTION.

A year ago, when the question was pending before the people, on the proposition of the present instrument, we pointed out why the clause was inserted in our state constitution that renders amendment of that charter of fundamental law practically impossible through the channel it snags out.

It was a trick of the slaveryocracy to checkmate the outspoken denials of the emancipationists, and smother the threat uttered by the late Hon. Garrett Hays, when his pet clause to declare involuntary servitude as a crime in this state in 1875 was so nobly and unflinchingly repudiated, and the fact that the enlightened public sentiment of the state, by amendment to the constitution they were then (1875-76) framing, would accomplish the extinction of slavery.

It strikes us that there is a deal of unnecessary quibbling in regard to this matter. The bill of rights, which appears as a preamble to the constitution, is not a part of it, the flimsy of the question. The right to alter the constitution is the natural heritage of the people, and may not be infringed upon by constitutional provision or imposed by future law. Time cannot make it inalienable and therefore inviolable. All sovereignty is in one which declares that all sovereignty is in the people, that they have the power to make and alter laws, and even to alter the constitution. The idea that the will of the people is paramount.

This is the correct doctrine—the legitimate principle of republicanism of government. The clause of the constitution which, by certain prescribed impracticable formalities, binds the people of the power to amend the constitution, has been a curse to the state, and has shown that the existing law is harmful to the general interest of the state, impeding upon that declaration of the bill of rights which we have just referred to.

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## THE WHIPS LOTTERY.

On our fourth page we reproduce a card from Attorney-General Hardin in the Courier-Journal in relation to the Whips Lottery. This speaks for itself. This leads to the question of the power of the governor to interfere with the finding of a grand jury and the consideration of its indictment by the jury, in order to secure a conviction of a crime from the law.

We have carefully examined all the authorities within our reach, and can find no law, expressed or implied, fundamental or statute, which gives the executive the power of quashing or setting aside indictments. He can pardon a party after conviction, and he can remit a fine after it has been assessed. But he cannot enter a court-room and dictate to justice what shall and what shall not be done there. A pretty state of affairs it would be were such power bestowed upon any man, "we can only reiterate the hope that Judge McLean and Commonwealth's Attorney Haynes will have the nerve to treat such interference on the part of Governor Blackburn with the greatest contempt it merits. We know both these gentlemen more than passing well. We know them to be courageous, and true to any duty they may be called upon to perform. We hope that they will not permit for any false notion of courtesy to the chief executive of the state, that functionary to tamper the law under foot in the executive they are called upon by the people to guard and defend. Let every indictment hitherto found in all matters relating to the Whips Lottery be tried as they come, as an government as they really are, not with power to interfere, dictate, and annul the actions of the grand inquiry. If, after they have performed their duty to the people and the state, Governor Blackburn and Commonwealth's Attorney Haynes will stand by the law under the fifth of that is none of their affair. Their hands will be clean and their consciences clear.

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## CREAM OF THE WASHINGTON NEWS.

Washington, Feb. 5. The senate has prepared the way for a constitutional convention of the electoral vote next Wednesday. The resolution guiding the action of the house, which is almost exactly like that by which congress was guided in 1821 and 1837, was adopted by a party vote.

The interrelated committee members in session this morning. Though no conclusion was reached, it was developed that the senate will endeavor to secure as far as possible the passage of a bill to amend the constitution, which is now pending in the house. The committee members are now endeavoring to secure the passage of a bill to amend the constitution, which is now pending in the house.

A special committee of the senate has been appointed to consider a bill providing that the principal officers of each of the executive departments may occupy seats on the floor of the senate and those of representatives with the right to participate in debate on matters relating to the business of their respective departments, and that the senate may require their attendance at its pleasure. Senator Pendleton will present a bill on Monday the annual report of the committee on the bill.

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